

matter; Howard Baker chooses his well, and I know of no place more than Japan where words, decorum, and diplomacy matter more.

No better choice could be made. I compliment the President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Let me commend President Bush on his appointment of former Senator Howard Baker as the Ambassador to Japan. I guess, since we came to the Senate together, I know him about as well as any. I have traveled with him. I have seen him in action on trips. I have his photography in my home. I visited in his home at Huntsville, TN, with his former wife Joy and, since he lost Joy, he is now married to our great friend and distinguished former Senator from Kansas, Nancy Kassebaum.

They are a wonderful family, Nancy's son, daughter-in-law, the grandchildren. They are right down there in my hometown of Charleston, so I get to see them fortunately from time to time.

There is an old wag about coming to the Senate. You wonder how in the world, when you first get here, you got into this exclusive body. Then after a couple of years, you lose all humility and you wonder how the rest of them got here.

You observe them. Everyone here has a talent, all of high intellect and experience or they would not have been selected by their several States.

But what I really look for is that judgment. There is no question, more than a balanced budget we need balanced Senators around here, and that was Howard Baker. When I ran for President, I know no one remembers that—

Mr. BIDEN. I do.

Mr. HOLLINGS. You and I were out there together—to be forgotten.

We were asked that question, when you get along to a stage in your campaign, who would you select as Secretary of State? This is back in the early 1980s. And I said Howard Baker because of his sense of history, his capacity for reasoned judgment, and his intellect. He knows the world. He knows Japan. He knows our defense needs, our security needs in the Pacific rim, our trade problems and opportunities there and everything else.

Since others are here and ready and I take it we are ready to vote, let me simply say I am enthused about this particular appointment. I think the country is very fortunate to have him as our Ambassador.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Carolina.

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I yield the remainder of the time.

I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There is a sufficient second.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Will the chairman allow me to say one short thing?

Mr. HELMS. I defer the question.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. I just wanted to say as a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, to the chairman and my ranking member, as a new Member, I was quite struck today at the testimony taken with regard to Senator Baker.

First of all, I saw the deep respect that Senator BIDEN and Senator HELMS had for him. And then I heard the testimony from Senator Dole as well, and Senator BYRD.

What struck me was Senator BIDEN's words, when he referred to Senator Baker as a man of the Senate. Before I came here, I would not have known the depth of feeling in that statement. But as I have had the privilege of getting to know all of you, and to interact with you on a daily basis, I now understand the respect that you accorded to Senator Baker by referring to him as a man of the Senate: Someone whose word can be counted on; someone who has principles; someone whose sense of integrity other people recognize. Isn't that what we need in our Government these days?

So it is with a feeling of great privilege that, as a new Senator, I join with all of you supporting Senator Baker to be our Ambassador to this very important country, to further the interests of the United States of America.

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I renew my request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time having expired, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Howard H. Baker, Jr., of Tennessee, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Japan?

The yeas have and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 99, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 166 Ex.]

YEAS—99

Akaka	Daschle	Kennedy
Allard	Dayton	Kerry
Allen	DeWine	Kohl
Baucus	Dodd	Kyl
Bayh	Domenici	Landrieu
Bennett	Dorgan	Leahy
Biden	Durbin	Levin
Bingaman	Edwards	Lieberman
Bond	Enzi	Lincoln
Boxer	Feingold	Lott
Breaux	Feinstein	Lugar
Brownback	Fitzgerald	McCain
Bunning	Frist	McConnell
Burns	Graham	Mikulski
Byrd	Gramm	Miller
Campbell	Grassley	Murkowski
Cantwell	Gregg	Murray
Carnahan	Hagel	Nelson (FL)
Carper	Harkin	Nelson (NE)
Chafee	Hatch	Nickles
Cleland	Helms	Reed
Clinton	Hollings	Reid
Cochran	Hutchinson	Roberts
Collins	Hutchison	Rockefeller
Conrad	Inhofe	Santorum
Corzine	Inouye	Sarbanes
Craig	Jeffords	Schumer
Crapo	Johnson	Sessions

Shelby
Smith (NH)
Smith (OR)
Snowe
Specter

Stabenow
Stevens
Thomas
Thompson
Thurmond

Torricelli
Voinovich
Warner
Wellstone
Wyden

NOT VOTING—1

Ensign

The nomination was confirmed.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The President shall be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2001

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 24. I further ask consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business with Senators speaking therein for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator THOMAS, or his designee, from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., and Senator DURBIN, or his designee, from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will be in a period of morning business beginning at 10 a.m. tomorrow. Senators should be aware that votes may occur during tomorrow afternoon's session and throughout the remainder of the week. The Senate may consider the conference report to accompany the reconciliation bill and any executive or legislative items available for action prior to the Memorial Day recess.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:57 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 24, 2001, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 23, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

RONALD ROSENFELD, OF MARYLAND, TO BE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, VICE KEVIN G. CHAVERS, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WILLIAM GERRY MYERS III, OF IDAHO, TO BE SOLICITOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, VICE JOHN D. LESHY, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ROBERT D. BLACKWILL, OF KANSAS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO INDIA.

ANTHONY HORACE GIOIA, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

J. ROBERT FLORES, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION, VICE SHELDON C. BILCHIK.

THE JUDICIARY

WILLIAM J. RILEY, OF NEBRASKA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT, VICE CLARENCE A. BEAM, RETIRED.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by
the Senate May 23, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

HOWARD H. BAKER, JR., OF TENNESSEE, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO JAPAN.